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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/801,406	<b>Applicant(s)</b> AOKI ET AL.	
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                     | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 9/11/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The Applicant has argued that "The teachings of Robertson are in stark contrast to this flow of information. (pg. 11 of Remarks)."

The Applicant argues "Particularly, it is clear from this quote that Service "B" is paying Service "C" and that Figure 29 is not teaching transferring a voucher from a Principal through vendors to a final vendor (pages 11-12 of Remarks)"

Without conceding to the Applicants argument, the above argument is considered spurious as what the Applicant claims Figure 20 does not teach is not recited in the claim language.

Once again, the Applicant argues "Robertson does not teach passing money from the Principal to the second Web Service (pg. 13 Remarks)." The Claim does not require passing money, only "first Web service determining a need to invoke a second desired service at a second Web service, said second Web descriptor associated with second Web service and a second service assertion associated with said second Web service."

Robertson explicitly teaches "FIG. 28 illustrate the notion of a value chain, with a service "A" making invocations to a service" B", and "B", in turn making calls to a

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service "C". (Paragraph [0597])." Figure 28 is the basis for Figure 29, and it explicitly teaches chained assertions.

As such the Applicants arguments are considered unpersuasive and the Examiner repeats the previous rejection.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Robertson (20030144894).

Regarding Claims 1, 7, 13

Robertson teaches a method for a first Web service client to invoke a service hosted on a second Web service client on behalf of a principal in a computer environment, comprising the steps of:

a) said principal logging in with a discovery service (*"The set of web pages that allow participants to sign up and do credit card deposits into their account also have a security related area that allows the user to set passwords"* Paragraph [0565])

b) said discovery service passing to said principal an identity assertion associated with said principal and a discovery service descriptor associated with said discovery service for use by discovery service for future authentication (*"Passwords will be crucial to security and authorizing funds transfers in payment for services"* Paragraph [0566])  
*The Examiner interprets establishing the account requires the ID of the account holder.*

c) said principal authenticating using said identity assertion and using said discovery service descriptor at said first Web service client, said first Web service client representing a desired commerce site (*"The payment agent is the one that is privy to the consumer's password and can request funds transfer authorizations from the central bank on behalf of the consumer"* Paragraph [0576]) *The Examiner interprets the Web Service Client as the payment agent.*

d) in response to an action related to said desired commerce site, said first Web service client requesting a first service descriptor associated with said first Web service and a first service assertion associated with said first Web service from discovery service (*"The funds transfer service API allows the consumer of a service or resource to request the creation of a funds transfer authorization object. For simplicity, we'll just refer to it as a "voucher"...Voucher creatVoucher (Identity callerId, Password callerPassword, Identity recipientID, Money transferAmmount)"* Paragraph [0566])

e) in response to receiving said first service descriptor and said first service assertion, said first Web service client invoking a desired service at said first Web

service (*\*application service can cash in the voucher with the central bank and proceed to offer capabilities of value to the consumer*" Paragraph [0576])

f) upon said first Web service determining a need to invoke a second desired service at a second Web service, said second Web service requesting from said first Web service a second service descriptor associated with said second Web service and a second service assertion associated with said second Web service; (*Figure 29 shows a first Web service invoking a second desired service, and thereby sending a voucher which contains the service assertion associated with said second Web service, also see Paragraph [0566]*)

g) in response to receiving said request for said second service descriptor and said second service assertion, said discovery service concatenating said second service assertion to said first service assertion and subsequently passing said first service assertion and second service assertion to said second Web service via said first Web service (*Figure 31 shows a second assertion and a first assertion passed in a "linked together" manner, see "Charlie" requesting a first service from "ZebraSoft" and a second service from "Ajax" via the first service*)

h) in response to receiving said first service assertion and second service assertion, said first Web service invoking said desired second service at said second web service (*Figure 31 shows returning the desired "value" back from the second service*)

i) wherein said second Web service obtains chained assertions from said first Web service, wherein said first Web service obtains said chained assertions from said discovery service, wherein said chained assertions comprise said identity assertion and said discovery service descriptor sent to said discovery service by said principal

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*(Paragraph[0566] describes a voucher that contains the "chained assertions" as claimed,*

*Figures 29, 31 show examples of the chained assertions)*

Regarding Claim 2, 8, 14

Robertson teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said first Web service invokes one or more services hosted on one or more Web servers. *(Figures 29-31)*

Regarding Claim 3, 9, 15

Robertson teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said Web service client, said discovery service, first Web server, second web server are members of a federation relationship in which each member trusts said discovery service *(Figure 31 shows all the members in a federation relationship)*

Regarding Claim 4, 10, 16

Robertson teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said service assertion is any of, but not limited to:

A ticket;

A token;

Is notarized by said discovery service;

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And is certified by said discovery service (*“Also note that deployed dSHIP services will also access the directory tree to “discover” all the Jini Lookup engines bound to the topic node in which the service wishes to register itself” Paragraph [0555]*)

Regarding Claim 5, 11, 17

Robertson teaches the method of Claim 4, wherein said service assertion is implemented using any of, but not limited to: a string; a certificate; a public key and discovery keys (*The service assertion is implemented using the voucher which includes at least a string, see paragraph [0566]*)

Regarding Claim 6, 12, 18

Robertson teaches the method of Claim 1, wherein said service descriptor comprises any of, but not limited to:

A URL;

A string;

A SOAP address for Web services (*“policy based payment agents that shell out payments for services on behalf of the consumer, could be applied to other network service systems, for example those based upon XML/SOAP Web services” Paragraph[0582]*)

Regarding Claims 19-21



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a) said principal logging in with a discovery service (*"The set of web pages that allow participants to sign up and do credit card deposits into their account also have a security related area that allows the user to set passwords" Paragraph [0565]*)

b) said discovery service passing to said principal an identity assertion associated with said principal and a discovery service descriptor associated with said discovery service for use by discovery service for future authentication (*"Passwords will be crucial to security and authorizing funds transfers in payment for services" Paragraph [0566]*)  
*The Examiner interprets establishing the account requires the ID of the account holder.*

c) said principal authenticating using said identity assertion and using said discovery service descriptor at said first Web service client, said first Web service client representing a desired commerce site (*"The payment agent is the one that is privy to the consumer's password and can request funds transfer authorizations from the central bank on behalf of the consumer" Paragraph [0576]*) *The Examiner interprets the Web Service Client as the payment agent.*

d) in response to an action related to said desired commerce site, said first Web service client requesting a first service descriptor associated with said first Web service and a first service assertion associated with said first Web service from discovery service (*"The funds transfer service API allows the consumer of a service or resource to request the creation of a funds transfer authorization object. For simplicity, we'll just refer to it as*

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*a "voucher"... Voucher creatVoucher (Identity callerId, Password callerPassword, Identity recipientID, Money transferAmmount)" Paragraph [0566])*

e) in response to receiving said first service descriptor and said first service assertion, said first Web service client invoking a desired service at said first Web service (*\*application service can cash in the voucher with the central bank and proceed to offer capabilities of value to the consumer" Paragraph [0576])*

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i) wherein said second Web service obtains chained assertions from said first Web service, wherein said first Web service obtains said chained assertions from said discovery service, wherein said chained assertions comprise said identity assertion and said discovery service descriptor sent to said discovery service by said principal  
*(Paragraph[0566] describes a voucher that contains the "chained assertions" as claimed, Figures 29, 31 show examples of the chained assertions)*

on behalf of said principal, said discovery service retaining a footprint of: 1) said application requesting said first service descriptor and said first service assertion and 2) said first Web server requesting said second service descriptor and said second service assertion (*"This leads us to the approach of having a policy based agent that is wired with rules for deciding when requests for payments are reasonable and when they are not reasonable...This approach can prevent large losses due to a service that demands payments that are larger than the consumer wishes to make"* Paragraph [0605]) *If the payment agent in Figure 31 is a policy-based agent, then there must be a footprint of the first and second services, in order to enact any policy based on vouchers)*

### **Conclusion**

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HARRIS C. WANG whose telephone number is (571)270-1462. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, KAMBIZ ZAND can be reached on (571) 272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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